**THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE V.V.S.RAO**

**WRIT PETITION No.6372 OF 2006**

**DATED: 13.04.2006**

Between:

Surasani Laxmamma represented by her GPA Holders

Smt.I.Aruna and another ..Petitioners

And

The Joint Collector, Ranga Reddy District at Khairatabad, Hyderabad. and others

.. Respondents

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**ORDER:**

The petitioner, Surasani Laxmamma, assails the memo, dated 24.11.2005, issued by the first respondent, whereby and whereunder the revision petition filed by her was rejected as time barred. Be it noted, the petitioner, who is represented by her

two General Power of Attorney holders, filed a revision petition under Section 9 of the Andhra Pradesh Rights in Land and Pattadar Pass Books Act, 1971 ('the Act', for short) against the orders of the Revenue Divisional Officer, dated 07.12.2002. The Joint Collector without going into the merits of the case on an impression that the revision petition was not presented in time has rejected.

The learned counsel for the petitioner raised only ground that the order of the Joint Collector is vitiated by misdirection in law. In that, there is no time limit as prescribed by Section 9 of the Act. The revision petition was dismissed on the ground of delay.

A perusal of Section 9 of the Act would show that the same confers *suo motu* revision power on the Joint Collector and also power to revise any order on an application made to him, though no time limit is prescribed. The Courts have held in a number of cases that when time limit is not prescribed by the Statue for exercising revision powers, such powers will be exercised within reasonable time. In this case, the revision petition was filed against the proceedings of the Revenue Divisional Officer, dated 07.12.2002, which cannot be treated as long delay or unreasonable delay. Therefore, this is a fit case where the Joint Collector should exercise his powers under Section 9 of the Act and pass orders on merits.

The Writ Petition is, therefore, allowed and the matter is remitted to the first respondent with a direction to dispose of the revision after giving notice to all the aggrieved persons within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs.

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**(V.V.S.RAO, J)**

13.04.2006

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